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SUBJECT: A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN CHAD

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1. IN AUGUST 10 MEETING WITH MEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTHERN AND WESTERN AFRICA (MALIKI), THE CHARGE MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REFTTEL.

2. MALIKI EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND UNDERTOOK TO PASS ALONG THE USG VIEWS TO "THE APPROPRIATE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES." MALIKI ASKED WHETHER A USG APPROACH ON THE SUBJECT WAS BEING MADE IN TRIPOLI. THE CHARGE REPLIED THAT SIMILAR DEMARCHES WERE BEING MADE TO MEMBERS OF THE OAU AD HOC COMMITTEE.

3. MALIKI COMMENTED THAT NIGERIA IS MUCH CONCERNED OVER CHAD'S PROBLEMS. HE ADDED THAT FMG CHIEF OF STATE OBAANJO HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NIGER. NIGERIA AND NIGER ARE BOTH WORRIED THAT YET ANOTHER PROBLEM OF THIS KIND IS ARISING IN AFRICA AND BOTH FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHING IN ADDITION TO THE OAU ACTION.

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4. AS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE NIGER/NIGERIA INITIATIVE, MALIKI SAID THAT NOTHING MUCH HAS HAPPENED YET. BOTH CHAD AND LIBYA HAD INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WERE NOT AVERSE TO MEETING WITH EACH OTHER. NIGERIA AND NIGER MAY MANAGE TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING, BUT NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN SET UP YET. MALIKI AGREED THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO SETTLE THE INSURGENCY

PROBLEM IN CHAD. THEN THE BORDER PROBLEM COULD BE MORE EASILY SETTLED.

5. THE CHARGE CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING MALIKI TO INFORM HIM LATER OF THE FMG'S REACTION TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH HE LEFT BEHIND. MALIKI SAID HE WOULD DO SO.
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